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PREPARATIONS FOR THE CURE AND  
PREVENTION OF TOOTHACHE.

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**Preparations for the Cure and Prevention of  
Toothache.**

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**LETTERS PATENT** to Moses Abraham Prenslan, of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, Dentist, for the Invention of “**IMPROVED PREPARATIONS FOR THE CURE AND PREVENTION OF TOOTHACHE AND THE PRESERVATION OF TEETH.**”

Sealed the 9th August 1861, and dated the 15th February 1861.

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**PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION** left by the said Moses Abraham Prenslan at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 15th February 1861.

I, MOSES ABRAHAM PRENSLAN, of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster,  
5 Dentist, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for “**IMPROVED PREPARATIONS FOR THE CURE AND PREVENTION OF TOOTHACHE AND THE PRESERVATION OF TEETH,**” to be as follows :—

For the cure of toothache I use “oil of paper” obtained by exposed burning or destruction of paper made from a vegetable fibre, and this “oil of paper”  
10 I apply to decayed or aching teeth by itself with cotton, or by any of the other known methods.”

For the prevention of toothache and preservation of teeth I take “oil of paper,” obtained as above described, sulphur, rock salt, orris root, and wood ashes, and mix together, the compound so prepared is to be used as a tooth  
15 powder.

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*Prenslan's Improved Preparation for the Cure and Prevention of Toothache.*

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**SPECIFICATION** in pursuance of the conditions of the Letters Patent, filed by the said Moses Abraham Prenslan in the Great Seal Patent Office on the 12th August 1861.

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME**, I, MOSES ABRAHAM PRENSLAN, of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, Dentist, send 5 greeting.

**WHEREAS** Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by Her Letters Patent, bearing date the Fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in the twenty-fourth year of Her reign, did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, 10 the said Moses Abraham Prenslan, Her special licence that I, the said Moses Abraham Prenslan, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said Moses Abraham Prenslan, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term therein expressed, should and 15 lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, an Invention for “**IMPROVED PREPARATIONS FOR THE CURE AND PREVENTION OF TOOTHACHE AND THE PRESERVATION OF TEETH**,” upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said Moses Abraham Prenslan, my executors or administrators, by an instru- 20 ment in writing under my, or their, or one of their hands and seals, should particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, and cause the same to be filed in the Great Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent. 25

**NOW KNOW YE**, that I, the said Moses Abraham Prenslan, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement (that is to say) :—

For the cure of toothache I use “oil of paper” obtained by exposed burning 30 or destruction by fire of paper made from a vegetable fibre, and this “oil of paper” I apply to aching teeth by itself with cotton, or by any of the other known methods.

I have found the following process most suitable for the procurement of the maximum quantity of the said “oil of paper” best adapted for the purpose 35 just named :—On a flat smooth surface of porcelain I place a quantity of paper loosely piled up, to this I apply a light, and allow it to burn until the flame



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dies out, when I remove the ashes and find the oil over or adhering to the surface of the vessel.

For the prevention of toothache and preservation of teeth I take “oil of paper,” obtained as above described, sulphur, rock salt, orris root, and wood  
5 ashes, and mix together, the compound so prepared being used as a tooth powder.

The following proportions, by weight, of the substances just named when well mixed together, I prefer, vizt.—One grain of “oil of paper,” sixteen grains of sulphur, four grains of rock salt, sixteen grains of orris root, and four grains  
10 of wood ashes.

Having now fully described the nature and particulars of my said Invention, and how I believe the same may be most successfully used or carried into effect, I wish it to be distinctly understood that I do not confine myself to the particular process or method herein described of obtaining or manufacturing  
15 “oil of paper,” as many similar or like arrangements or vessels may be used, neither do I confine myself to any particular means or method of applying the same, nor to any particular proportion of the ingredients in the tooth powder for the prevention of toothache and preservation of teeth; but I claim as my Invention, the use and application of “oil of paper for the purposes  
20 set forth, whether used by itself, or prepared in combination or mixture with any or every of the substances above named, all as herein described.

In witness whereof, I, the said Moses Abraham Prenslan, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

25 MOSES ABRAHAM PRENSLAN. (L.S.)

In the presence of

JOHN THOMSON KING,

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